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1. AN 18-SHIP MEKONG CONVOY CARRYING RICE, MILITARY SUPPLIES AND GENERAL CARGO FOR PHNOM PENH CAME UNDER COMMUNIST ATTACK SATURDAY NEAR PEAM REANG ABOUT 18 KILOMETERS FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE BORDER. THREE SHIPS WERE DAMAGED BUT WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE REST OF THE CONVOY TO PHNOM PENH. FOUR WOUNDED MERCHANT SEAMEN WERE EVACUATED TO PHNOM PENH VIA NEAK LUONG. A RICE BARGE WAS ALSO HIT AND SLOWED AND BEGAN TAKING WATER BUT A LATE REPORT SAYS IT IS NEARING PHNOM PENH PORT WITH ITS CARGO INTACT. IN AN ACCIDENT NOT RELATED TO COMMUNIST ACTIVITY, A KHMER NAVY PATROL BOAT OVERTURNED AND TWO SAILORS ARE MISSING. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO RIGHT THE CRAFT AND BRING IT BACK TO PORT.

2. GOVERNMENT TROOPS KILLED 25 COMMUNIST SOLDIERS SATURDAY AS THEY GAINED TWO MORE KILOMETERS IN THEIR PUSH SOUTHWEST FROM KOMPONG SPEU ON HIGHWAY 4. GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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LOSSES WERE THREE KILLED AND FIVE WOUNDED. THEY ALSO

CAPTURED HILL 123 LOCATED JUST TO THE NORTH OF THE ROAD.  
AT THE SAME TIME, GARRISON TROOPS FROM DAS KANCHOR  
PUSHED OUT AN ADDITIONAL HALF-KILOMETER TO THE NORTHEAST  
ON HIGHWAY 4 LEAVING ONLY SEVEN KILOMETERS FOR A LINK-UP  
WITH THE FORCES ADVANCING FROM KOMPONG SPEU.

3. TEN COMMUNIST SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN A SHARP  
ENGAGEMENT FRIDAY WITH GOVERNMENT UNITS ON THE EAST  
BANK OF THE TONLE SAP RIVER JUST NORTH OF KRUOS. ONE  
GOVERNMENT SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED IN THE OPERATION  
SUPPORTING THE DRIVE ON ROUTE 5 TO CLEAR THE TONLE  
SAP FOR RIVER NAVIGATION.

4. EIGHT ATTACKS BY FIRE WERE REPORTED FROM PREY VENG  
ON FRIDAY AND EARLY SATURDAY KILLING ONE GOVERNMENT  
SOLDIER AND WOUNDEING FIVE OTHERS. SVAY RIENG, TAKEO,  
AND KAMPOT ALSO REPORTED ATTACKS BY FIRE WITH LIGHT  
CASUALTIES. COMMUNIST GROUND ATTACKS AT KOMPONG SEILA  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY CENTERED ON A PAGODA TO THE SOUTH  
AND A SCHOOL TO THE NORTH. A WOMAN AND THREE CHILDREN  
WERE REPORTED KILLED IN ONE ASSAULT. AND AT KOMPONG  
SOM, FANK REPORTS THAT THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION TO  
CLEAR THE ROAD BETWEEN THE PORT AND REAM AIRFIELD COST  
THE GOVERNMENT TWO KILLED WHILE THREE COMMUNIST SOLDIERS  
DIED. THE AIRPORT IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO CIVILIAN  
FLIGHTS BUT MILITARY OPERATIONS ARE PROCEEDING.

5. IN THE PHNOM PNH REGION, CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY  
WERE REPORTED FROM THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG TO THE  
SOUTH OF AND AT PREK TAMERK WITH NO GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES.  
AT KOMPONG KANTOUT SOUTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH, A TWO-HOUR  
ENGAGEMENT COST FANK SEVEN WOUNDED WHILE FOUR COMMUNISTS  
LOST THEIR LIVES AND SEVERAL WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED.

6. SIX COMMUNIST ROCKETS HIT PHNOM PENH SATURDAY NIGHT  
AND SUNDAY MORNING BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. FOUR  
OF THE 107MM ROCKETS EXPLODED HARMLESSLY IN THE BASSAC  
RIVER WHILE TWO OTHER HIT A FRINGE AREA JUST TO THE  
SOUTH OF THE CITY.

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